



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On November 10, 2010, Jorge Arreaga, a citizen of Guatemala, was sentenced to three years and one month (37 months) in prison for his role in a conspiracy distribute methamphetamine in Lincoln between August of 2009 and April of 2010. During that time, an undercover Lincoln police officer purchased approximately one ounce of methamphetamine from Arreaga. Arreaga was ordered to serve four years on supervised release after completion of the prison term. It is likely that he will be deported upon completion of the prison term. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Name of Defendant: Jorge Arreaga

AKA: Jaime Eduardo Escobar a/k/a Jose

Age: 23

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than five years nor more than 40 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than four years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Arreaga was held responsible for the distribution of at least 5 grams but less than 20 grams of actual or pure methamphetamine. Testing indicated that the 26.69 grams of methamphetamine mixture sold to the undercover officer contained at least 9.13 grams of actual or pure methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: . Co-defendants Alfredo Hernandez-Lopez and Wilson Garcia-Panama have been sentenced to 60 months and 87 months respectively. Co-defendant Dante Vicharra pled guilty and is scheduled for sentencing on November 16, 2010. Co-defendant Marvin Ricardo Solis is scheduled to plead guilty in December.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: From on or about August 4, 2009, to April 1, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: April 1, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: April 2, 2010

Indictment Returned Date: April 19, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: April 5, 2010 on complaint, April 19, 2010 on indictment

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on June 9, 2010

Sentencing Date: November 10, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: April 1, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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